

Amendment to the Abstract of the Disclosure

Please amend the Abstract at page 22 as follows:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

~~A method and special mechanical apparatus for i~~Installation of support piers for a structure comprises the steps of positioning a hollow tube ~~apparatus~~ in a soil matrix ~~wherein the hollow tube apparatus has a hollow core and is susceptible to lateral and longitudinal movement, removing followed by removal of~~ soil from the hollow core, ~~and then~~ filling ~~that the~~ core with an aggregate, ~~followed by~~ subsequent raising and lowering of the hollow tube, ~~apparatus compacting the aggregate by means of a special bottom mechanical device in a manner which compacts the aggregate affixed to the bottom of the hollow tube to~~ and also ~~applies~~ applying lateral forces to the aggregate against the walls of the cavity formed in the soil matrix, thereby pushing a portion of the aggregate laterally into the soil matrix.